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"FOR THE MAN BEHIND THE HOE"

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"The High Cost of Living"

You're going to hear a lot the next few years about the high cost of living. A lot of folks will be crying and moaning about it, and claiming that they can't live on account of it, and all that.

All Bosh.

I'll admit that food prices are high in the stores and will likely be higher yet, but that need not worry you a bit, for you can grow more food even in just a back yard garden, than two families could eat. Anyway we do, and we're no smarter than you are. And it's better food than you could possibly buy, too.

All it takes is a few dollars worth of garden seeds and plants, a little good dirt, and a "will to work."

If you want to get the real low-down on it, go up town and price the garden stuff and the fruit and the canned goods in the stores, and then figure how much of it you could raise even in a small garden. Here's about what you can count on as a fair yield on only 1/100 part of an acre (about 17 x 26 ft.):

Potatoes—200 lbs. Onions, Cabbage, Turnips, Sweet Potatoes about the same—200 lbs. each. Radishes—200 doz. Strawberries—100 qts. Sweet Corn—200 ears. Green Peas, Green Beans, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, or Muskmelons—about 5 bushels each. I have doubled all these yields in my own garden. Now figure up any of them at the prices you would have to pay and see what it would come to. You'll be dizzy, but it's the truth.

I have been talking about just growing plenty for yourself, but there would be mighty good money in selling the surplus over what you need.

It's going to take a long time to get over this war spree, but the sooner we get down to bedrock and start growing our own food instead of waiting for some one to feed us, the better off we will all be.

And don't forget the fruit. It's not fair to raise a family without fruit, or with just a little now and then from the store as a luxury. As easy as fruit is to raise, you ought to have plenty of it—have it on the table every meal. We always do at our house. And we love it.

If you own your own home—and you should by all means—you should set fruit in every spare bit of ground. Small fruit and tree fruit too. It grows as easy as weeds or grass and eats lots better, and costs very little to set. A couple of rows of strawberries only 50 ft. long should make you 100 quarts of delicious fruit. Raspberries or Blackberries almost as much. And grapes and Boysenberries and all

the rest. A few trees of Apples and Plums and Cherries and Peaches and Pears will give you worlds of delicious fruit the year around. And do it year after year.

And the plants and trees for all the things I have named would cost you less than what you spend in just one season for a few little skimpy dabs of shipped in stuff.

And you could grow it all on one fair sized town lot, or a good sized farm garden. Doesn't it look like a good bet?

And even if you are only a one year renter, you can grow Everbearing Strawberries, plenty of them, and get fruit the first year.

And of course, have some chickens—but keep them out of the garden. And tame rabbits are not a bad idea. They're good eating and easy to raise.

I don't claim to know how these terrible times are all coming out, but I do know that the family that has its own garden of vegetables and fruit and chickens with plenty to eat and put away for the winter, and a little extra to sell to the other fellow, will be sitting on top of the pile. And if they own their own home and have it paid for, I don't see how anything that may happen can hurt them.

Yes, I suppose I'm old fashioned, but it's going to take a few old fashioned ideas to get this old world of ours to running true on its course again after all we've been through.

Well, I guess I've lectured you enough for one time, and I'll promise to let up on you for awhile now, if you'll try to do a little better.

There's liable to be a lot of folks go hungry one of these days, and I don't aim for it to be me—or you, if I can help it.

Henry Field



IF I CAN DO IT—SO CAN YOU

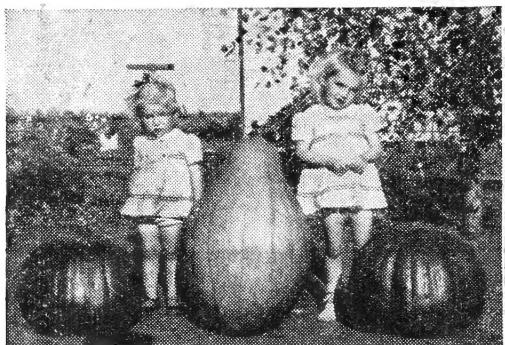
This is the way my own private garden looks at my Ozark cabin. You can see I practice what I preach and don't aim to go hungry. Mrs. Field canned a lot of these and we put a lot in the freeze box besides. Look good don't they? And they look good on the table too—and taste still better. No "store bought" stuff for us. H. F.

P. S.—Those Peas behind me are our Fillbasket.

We always

and I will be able to get away from my desk and get out digging in the dirt again. I haven't missed a spring in almost 70 years making garden and setting strawberries and peaches and roses and pansies and I sure don't aim to quit now.

Write and tell me how your garden did last year, and what you liked best and what failed—if any—and so on. And don't let you or your family go hungry for lack of garden and fruit. And don't forget the flowers either.



50 and 65 Lbs.

"Dear Mr. Field: This will show you what large pumpkins and squash we raised from Field seeds. They weigh 50 and 65 lbs. The little girls are our neighbor's children, Marlyn and Leanna Mosier, age 4 and 2 yrs."—Emma Holst, Rt. 2, Box 57, Edgar, Nebraska.



Two Little Girls from Tennessee

Here is a picture from way down in Tennessee. They are little grand-daughters of Mrs. Cora Kesterson, Midway, Tennessee. She says, "They are real farm girls."

Can't Read All the Mail

I didn't think I'd live to see the day when I couldn't read all the mail that came into the seedhouse. Always have and always wanted to. But this year, it's practically impossible. Just not enough hours in the day, even when Mrs. Field helps me.

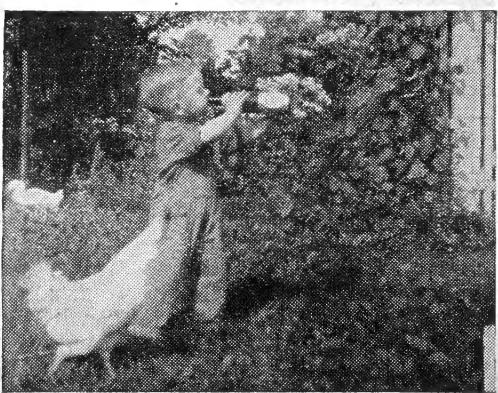
Had a letter from an old friend and customer in Illinois the other day. It went like this: "Dear Henry: What's the matter with you? Have you gone high hat or something. I got a letter from you, and it sure must have been written by somebody else. Didn't sound like you at all."

Well, he went on and on about it and really gave me what for about hiring fancy secretaries and the like. Can't blame him either. I always want to deal with the head man, no matter what I'm buying or selling. That's one thing I've always taken pride here at Shenandoah—taking a personal interest in mail and calls and filling orders.

But sometimes these days I just don't have the time. So please forgive me, if once in a while you don't get the real friendly Henry Field letter you're entitled to.

Crazy Popping

"Dear Henry: Enclosed please find one dollar. Kindly send me another sack of that crazy popping pop corn. I never saw corn before that did not know when to stop popping."—H. A. Wendling, 1441 G Street, Apt. C3, Lincoln 8, Nebraska.



Entertaining His Pet

"Dear Henry: My son James Edward, age 1½ yrs., entertaining his pet leghorn hen. Hope you can use in Seed Sense."—Edward J. Wiedenfeld, Rt. 2, Box 91, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Well, here it is. Send some more pictures, always glad to get them.



Likes Fields Best

My good customers Mr. and Mrs. Henry Probasco, Rt. 6, Jacksonville, Illinois, sent this picture of some of their vegetables grown from our seed. They write, "We think there is no other like them."



Good H. F. Garden

"Dear Sir: Here is our son Norman Le Roy, 1½ yrs. old, with some carrots and beets grown from your seeds. I had a very good garden this year."—Mrs. Frank Schoen, Haxtun, Colorado.

Everything and More

"Dear Henry: Received our order of King Alfred Daffodils, and am taking time out to write and tell you how pleased we were with them. They were so big and fine, we couldn't hardly believe our eyes. We had received our Lily bulbs from you a few weeks before, and were so pleased with them. We thought they were the finest bulbs that we had ever seen. I want to tell you that I think the things you ship are everything you say they are and more."—Mr. & Mrs. Ransom C. Hazellip, Scottsville, Kentucky.

Henry Fields Seeds

I lived in Iowa till almost eighteen
Then decided a bit of the world must
be seen
So to Wyoming I finally decided to go
And found out they all about Field
seeds did know.

Next a trip to Alaska by Seattle I take
To find all the people were widely
awake
To the fact the Henry Field name was
well known
All the way from Shenandoah to Nome.

I returned to Utah later to make a new
home
It was then I decided to write you this
poem
About a fine garden—just six miles from
home
You will never find a better, wherever
you roam.

This lady is noted for her garden's heavy
yield
And she told me she owed it all to
Henry Field
She says that the quality of all that she
grows
Is as great as the quantity—row after
row.

She is well known and smart and wise
And for Henry Field she does advertise
Most everyone right now can a fine gar-
den make
Just use Henry Fields seeds, a good
hoe and a rake.

Mrs. Wilder Fairbanks
Vincennes, Indiana

Tribute to Our Servicemen

"Dear Mr. Field: Your gift of trees is a beautiful tribute to our servicemen and I want to thank you for the American Elm you sent me as a memorial to my grandson, Virgil Blaser N.S.M. 3/c. When he comes home and sees it, I know he will be pleased too."—Mrs. Bessie Miller, Milan, Illinois.



Two of a Kind

"Dear Mr. Field: Here is a picture of our twins, Myrtle and Myron, taken last summer when they were 15 mos. old. I have seen lots of pictures in Seed Sense but none from Michigan."—Mrs. Alfred H. Tennant, Rt. 2, Onaway, Michigan.

2-4-D Best Weed Killer

Have had lots of letters about 2-4-D, the new weed killer that really does the job, and I can't recommend it enough. I listed it on page 9 of the catalog, but didn't put in the numbers and letters. WEEDONE is the trade name and you'll find a complete description. Get your orders for it in early. This fine product has had so much good notice from state colleges and magazines everywhere that I'm sure to be sold out soon.

Does It Quick

"Dear Mr. Field: Your Bug Dust is the first and only thing that I have ever used that really gets rid of pests, and does it so quick."—Everett J. Keeney, Rt. 1, Bucyrus, Kansas.

I Hate to Admit It

Yes, I hate to admit it, but last spring I had to disappoint a lot of you old customers who have been coming to me for years for fruit trees and flowers and other nursery. But I just couldn't help it.

In the first place, you sent in so many orders that it almost swamped me just reading them. I had an awful time getting help and some orders went out late. That was bad enough, but what hurt me the most was that I couldn't even fill some of them. Just didn't have the stock.

This year it's different. I've got more help (lots of the boys are back at work from the war) and I'm going to get my orders out on time. But there is still some doubt about whether I'll have enough nursery to go around. A few items are going to be short I know right now. Others will, too, as spring advances. Not too many, I hope. So get your orders in as quick as you can. I always send out first orders first, and you know what that means.



Large and Beautiful

"Dear Sir: I received your copy of Seed Sense and enjoyed it very much. Here is a picture of my little girl in the flowers. She is standing beside a white Gladiolus. The blooms were very large and beautiful."—Mrs. Dale Baughman, 327 Tuttle St., Alpena, Michigan.

Shrubful of Roses

Nothing more beautiful or more colorful than the shrub roses. Half shrub and half rose. They bloom all season, are absolutely hardy and grow any place, and liven up any surrounding. You should have at least a couple. One I left out of the catalog is Rosa Rogosa Hansa. And don't be afraid of the name. It's one of the best. Large—deep red—so bright in color you can see it for half a mile. Will send for 89¢ each or 3 for \$2.49. Ask for No. L-91.

Mrs. Field's Baked Beans

1 cup dry beans (or 1 qt. cooked beans)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ small onion, sliced or minced
 1 tsp. salt (and pepper to taste)
 4 tbl. tomato ketchup
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar (or part sorghum or other molasses)
 3 cups bean liquid or water
 6 slices bacon or salt pork

Soak the dry beans overnight in plenty of water. Pour off the water and add fresh water and boil for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour or until they begin to soften. Drain off liquid (but save it) and put beans in a baking dish. Add other ingredients and lay the bacon on top. Bake 4 hours or more at low heat. Baking slowly and for a long time is the secret of good baked beans. Keep covered at first but leave the cover off a little at the last. Some use a little ginger or mustard as seasoning—but let your own taste be your guide as to that.

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Stakes for tomatoes should be set in the ground at the time of sowing the seed or setting the plants rather than later to avoid injuring the roots.



Likes Red Head Tomatoes

"Dear Mr. Field: We surely like your Red Head tomatoes. We canned, gave away and sold them and when frost came the patch was still a red glare. Here is a picture of a bu. of them and grandpa's bald head."—Mrs. Oscar Lehman, Everest, Kansas.



Little Friends

Mrs. George Kirk, Box 253, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, sends this picture of her daughter Peggy Lou, 2 yrs. old, with some H.F. baby chicks. She says, "They were sure fine chicks."



Grandpa's Helper

This is little James Bradford Phillips, age 1½ yrs., grandson of Mrs. W. M. Johns, Rt. 1, Rock Face, Georgia. She writes, "I enjoy reading Seed Sense and also enjoy Field's seeds."



Goatmobile

Mr. Z. B. Wiggs of Denton, Texas, and his gasoline and tire saving vehicle—a goatmobile and which is "horsepowered" by goat power. Also note that there is a cage for a spare goat. On an uphill climb he puts the other goat there and has a two-goat power machine.

7 Lb. Sweet Potato

"Dear Henry: We had wonderful success with your Porto Rico Sweet Potatoes. One of them weighed 7 lbs."—Mrs. D. L. Dewey, County Line Road, Deerfield, Illinois.



Hurry! It's Heavy

"Dear Mr. Field: So you want watermelon pictures. Here is one from Oklahoma. Our boy, Wilfred, with his Sweetheart Melon taken when he was 14. He said, "Hurry, mother, it's getting heavy." I don't know what it weighed but it was a bit heavy. The vine is a blue Wisteria and lovely when in bloom."—Mrs. Walter Crum, Moorewood, Oklahoma.

Start Sweet Peas Indoors!

Sweet Peas like to flower before the weather turns off hot. Try a packet or two started indoors this spring. It's easy to do. Just use good soil and provide good drainage. Fill the pots to about 1½ inches from the top, and add a layer of fine sand, not sifted. Seed should be pressed down into this sand to a depth of ½ an inch.

Now set the pots or flat in a warm dark place and cover with a piece of window glass. Remove this glass and wipe dry each day if possible, adding water to pot when necessary. At end of ten days the temperature should gradually be lowered to about 40 degrees. Now give them plenty of light for sturdy growth. When plants are 4 inches tall, transplant 3 seedlings to each 3 inch pot. Pinch out tip of leading branch when plants are 5 inches high. When danger of severe freezing is over put them in cold frame until time to set in garden outside or where wanted.

DDT and Bug Dust

Don't want any of you to confuse DDT, the famous new insect killer, with my BUG DUST. Both are good. But they are absolutely different, and made for different uses. DDT is used mostly for killing household and barnyard insects of almost every kind. Bug Dust is used mostly for killing garden insects. There is some overlapping, of course, and this gets people mixed up. If you want the best insecticide for the garden, order BUG DUST. If you want the best insecticide for killing flies, ants, roaches, bed bugs, etc., order DDT. You'll find them both on page 9 of the catalog.

You Name It

My catalog next year is going to list one of the finest new Muskmelons anybody ever grew. It's a new hard-shelled type that's really resistant to rot in the field, and of course perfect for shipping. The skin is yellow and well-netted. Flesh is deep, orange-yellow in color. Fruit size 5 to 8 lbs. And it's one of the best tasting melons I ever enjoyed.

Was able to grow only a few pounds this year. Not enough to sell, although some of the boys around the seedhouse wanted me to put up packets and charge a nickel a seed. Don't want to do that, but still I want you to try it, so am going to give away seed to those who'll help me name it.

Here's what to do. Just write a note at the bottom of your order saying "My name for the new Contest Muskmelon is _____," and I'll send you a packet of ten seeds free. Then, I wish you'd try it, and write me a letter next Fall and tell me how it grew. Want to see how it does in every section of the country.

Going to make a contest out of it, too. To the one picking the name for this new melon for the catalog next year, I'll give a \$25 certificate, good for anything at Henry Fields. For the best picture of it growing in the garden, I'll send another \$25 certificate.

I'm the judge in both cases. And contest winners will be announced in the catalog. In case of a tie—duplicate prizes will be given.

Left Out the Price

Have been getting lots of orders for Silver Kings, those beautiful, lacey-like perennials that look like they've been dusted with silver. You probably know them better as Ghost Plants. But orders are coming in asking "what's the price." And sure enough, I forgot to put the price in the catalog. Well, here it is. 39c each, 2 for 65c; or 3 for 89c, postpaid. W-71. You can order these hardy, "grow anywhere" plants here out of Seed Sense or from page 25 of the catalog.

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Tomatoes to be staked may be planted closer (about 2 feet apart) than un-staked tomatoes.



Good Little Worker

"Dear Mr. Field: This is my granddaughter, Adeline, and her victory garden. She is 7 yrs. old and has a garden and flowers for her own. She is a good little worker."—Mrs. Henry Alexander, Rt. 3, Lakefield, Minnesota.



Future Gardener

"Dear Mr. Field: A picture of our son Richard Dean. He thinks he'd better sample a drink before he turns it on mother's roses she bought from Henry Fields."—Mrs. Joe Iverson, Rt. 1, Williams, Iowa.

Best of the Cherries

Some of you are writing me about big Mont-More cherry trees. I've got 'em. Didn't list bigger than 3 to 4 ft. in the catalog, but I have a fair supply of the big 4 to 6 ft. here ready to go, and will send them on to you at \$1.98 each, post-paid—No. C-6. Mont-More is the early bearing Dwarf Montmorency that's so unusual. A perfect tree for restricted backyards, because it's small in size (10 to 12 ft.) but still bears as heavy. And it's earlier than the rest. Absolutely hardy, and bears big crops in 3 years. Sold only by Henry Field.

Canned and Canned

"Dear Mr. Field: Just a line to tell you how pleased we are with the results from your seed. We had a wonderful garden last year—canned and canned then sold bushels of beans. The hybrid sweet corn did so well."—Mrs. L. T. Ezell, Albuquerque, New Mexico.



300 from 1

"Dear Henry: Here is a picture of our son Keith Vernon, age 22 mos. and a trained pulling dog. We buy seeds from you every year and think they're fine. I bought a lb. of your Hybrid South American Popcorn and raised 300 lbs. this year."—Boyd Bates, Powersville, Missouri.



Satisfied Customer

Here is a picture of Mrs. Emil Wald, Rt. 1, Sterling, Ohio, and grandchildren Leonard and Pauline. She says, "I sure like the seeds and bulbs I received from you. I had beautiful Glads this year. I am sure proud of your Seed Book I received and the planting instructions."

My Nursery Guarantee

My nursery stock is all state inspected, free from disease, of the heaviest quality, and first class in every way or I don't send it out. That's why I can guarantee it. I also guarantee my stock to be absolutely true to name. If it proves otherwise, you can have your choice of replacement free or a full refund on the entire purchase price.

If you are not pleased in every way with my nursery stock when you receive it, return it promptly at my expense and I will replace it at once or refund your money, as you prefer. I guarantee it to reach you in first class live, growing condition. After you have planted it, if it fails to grow, I think we ought to divide up on the blame. I'll take one half and you and the weather take the other, and I'll replace at half price anything unsatisfactory through any fault of the stock. Fair enough?

Another Satisfied Customer

"Dear Henry: Just a few words to let you know I was well pleased with the other order. More seeds in a packet than from anywhere else. And do your seeds grow! They are unexcelled. I enjoy reading Seed Sense. I just can't wait till I get the next one. Usually read them twice, if not more."—Benj. Steinkraus, Rt. 2, Markesan, Wisconsin.

No Brownell Roses

Wish I didn't have to say so, but we just don't have Brownell Roses for you this spring. So many of them went out last fall that my supply is completely gone for spring. Lots of you friends have been writing in about them. Only thing I can say for these "freeze-resistant" beauties right now is that I'll have them again in the fall. In the meantime don't forget my big list of Hybrid Teas in the catalog. They're the best I've ever had and I've got lots of them.

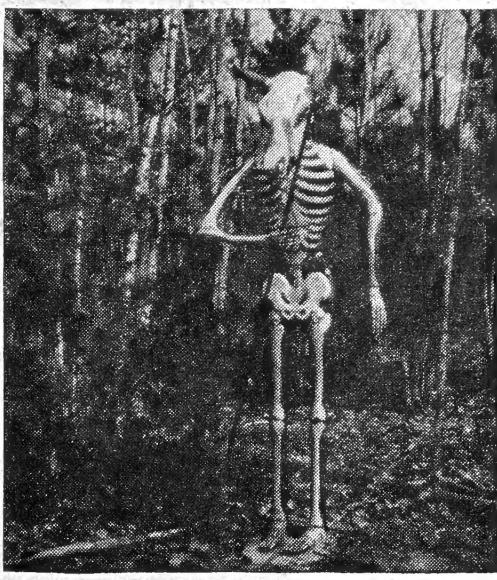


An H. F. Wedding

"Dear Mr. Field: This is a picture of my son Sgt. Everett Knutson and his wife. They were married after his return from overseas. My son spent 30 mos. in Australia and New Guinea and was in two battles.

I have used H.F. seeds and chickens for 10 years or more."—Mrs. E. A. Knutson, Montfort, Wisconsin.

A fine rose or peony will be sent at the proper planting time to Sgt. and Mrs. Knutson. Congratulations and good luck. Always send a rose or peony to newlyweds who send me a picture.—H.F.



A Real Scarecrow

No, I don't think many of you have ever seen a scarecrow that looked quite like this. This picture is called "A Scarecrow in the Woods" and was sent in by Mr. Joe Kendzierski, 500 9th Avenue, Alpena, Michigan. I'm sure you will all agree with me that it would well serve its purpose.



Picture of Health

"Dear Sir: This is my 16 mos. old baby Delores Ann with two of your muskmelons. Her daddy is in Guam."—Mrs. Nina M. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 227, Crescent, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Williams didn't name the kind of melons but they sure look mighty fine.

Seeds or Plants?

Here is an age old question that crops up every year and it is a good one. Shall I set out plants or sow seeds of vegetables direct in the garden? Here is our answer. Do Both! Tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and cauliflower are given an early start most everywhere by starting plants indoors and transplanting later to their place in the garden outdoors. And that is the way it should be. Harvest will start weeks earlier if you follow this method. At the same time remember that later on you can sow direct in the garden, varieties which are hardy, grow rapidly, and mature early. This will provide a world of vegetables for late harvest and autumn storage.

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The reason soil **MUST BE FIRMED** over the newly planted seed is to prevent air pockets which would cause drying out and result in poor germination.

Middle Size Glads

Here is a money saver! Buy smaller bulbs. This fine mixture will give you a beautiful assortment of all kinds and all colored glads at a very low cost. Included in the mixture are some of the most expensive varieties, and every color of glad you have ever seen. You will have lots of blooms the first year and for years to come. It's a great way to start a real glad garden. 25 for 50c; 50 for \$1.00, postpaid. (Not less than 50 sold).



A Real Welcome

"Dear Mr. Field: I want to thank you very much for the American Elms you sent for my boys in service. They look very nice. I am enclosing, along with my thanks, a picture of my older son, Corp. Ralph N. Austin, just returned from 21 mos. with the 8th Air Force in England. The two youngsters he is holding are his nephews, Noel and Evan Bennett, who really missed his rough-housing them, so they were getting their share when this picture was taken. Thank you again, Mr. Field, I know there are many like us who have taken advantage of your kind gesture and planted a tree for their Servicemen."—Mrs. A. N. Austin, Wayne, Nebraska.

Good for Rheumatism???

Ever see a Buckeye? Or ever carry one in your pocket as pocket piece or charm? Down in Missouri where we live part time, most people believe that if you will carry a Buckeye in your pocket it will ward off rheumatism, and it is generally said that if you search any Missourian you will find a Buckeye on him, and they certainly seldom have rheumatism.

Now I doubt if it will ward off rheumatism. Maybe the Missourians are just naturally a hardy race and not subject to such troubles, but anyway they make an interesting and beautiful pocket piece.

Fortune magazine says that President Truman carries two of them. He probably wants to play safe, and he's naturally cautious.

Anyway, if you would like to have one for a pocket piece or curiosity, just send me 25c and I'll mail you 3 or 4 of them, the real thing—some I gathered down in Missouri.

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Swiss chard and New Zealand spinach are two, main, warm season greens which produce through hot weather up until frost.



Another Flower Lover

Phyllis Ann, 15 mos. old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Light. This picture was sent in by her grandmother, Mrs. E. F. Light, 310 Ridge St., Yates Center, Kansas. Grandmother says, "She is really a lover of flowers."

For Jr. Seedsmen Only

I have an apology to make to all you Junior Seedsmen. Have made it to you privately in most cases, but now I want to make it out in front, so everybody can see it. I don't have all of the fine prizes I offered in the catalog. And here's why.

Last fall when I was making up the catalog and working on prizes for you boys and girls, the manufacturers all over the country told me they were going to have things ready to go before I mailed the catalog. I believed them, just like you would, so I went ahead on their word.

Since that time there's been all kinds of trouble. Mostly strikes. And the manufacturers just couldn't deliver me the goods, and still can't. Makes me mad, but there isn't anything I can do about it. At the last minute I went out and bought the best prizes I could find on the market. They're in the circular I've sent to you, or will send when you order your collections. They're good prizes, some better than I listed in catalog, and I know you'll like them.

BUT! If you don't like them, just send in the slip that's included with every order, telling me what prize from the catalog you want, and I'll get it for you when I can. It might take until summer in some cases, but I'll certainly do my best.

Wish I Could

"Dear Henry: The fruit trees I got from you are just fine. I just wish you could see my corn from the Hybrid seed I got from you. It sure is fine, also all the seeds which I ordered."—Thomas Hayes, Racine, West Virginia.

The Best

"Dear Mr. Field: The roses on our order came today, and they were magnificent. Definitely the best we have ever received and we have ordered roses from four different Nurseries."—W. A. Petzoldt, Supt., Crow Indian Baptist Missions, Lodge Grass, Montana.



Round and Round.

"Dear Henry: We hope we are as pleased with the tulips we are ordering as we were with the sweet peas we got from you. Everyone who saw them commented on how large and beautiful they were. Our 6 year old son took bouquets almost every day to friends and neighbors. He loves flowers almost as much as riding on the merry-go-round."—Joe Liddle, Payson, Utah.

4 Good Ones I Forgot in Catalog

Am always forgetting some items in the catalog. And here are 3 very fine peas and a wonderful new sweet corn that I featured last year, but left out this year. You should try all of these.

EARLY GIANT PEA—166. Biggest and best of the early podded peas. Ready in 65 days. Vigorous grower, dark green vines that need no staking and pods with 7 to 9 big peas. Pkt. 15c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 29c; 1 lb. 46c, postpaid.

ALDERMAN—167. An old favorite. Big, prolific, 75 days and very vigorous. An English type. Pkt. 10c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 23c; 1 lb. 38c, postpaid.

ENGLISH EARLY—151. Sometimes called Laxtonian. Early (60 days), big and prolific. Grows fairly upright. Fine quality. Pkt. 10c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 25c; 1 lb. 40c, postpaid.

HYBRID GOLDEN EVERGREEN SWEET CORN—182 (90 days). Biggest and best of all the Golden Hybrid Sweet Corn. Ears 8 in. long, 12 to 16 rowed. Big, deep kernels, excellent flavor and quality. Pkt. 20c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 35c; 1 lb. 60c, postpaid.

Lots of Roses This Year

I won't disappoint anybody on roses this year like I had to last. I think I've got more roses than almost anybody in the whole country, and they're scarce this year, too. Real scarce. Last year I had to tell a lot of you that I was out, so I really did everything possible to have them this year. And I have.

Always want to give you a real special rose offer here in Seed Sense. Here it is: 1 Paul's Scarlet Climber, the most beautiful of all the climbers, and 1 Primrose, a startling yellow that I like best of all in its class. These are big, two-year plants. Best you can buy anywhere. Both of them sent postpaid for only \$1.59. Just ask for No. XL-20.



Somewhere in Italy

Here is a picture of Sgt. Walter F. Condit, of Centerton, Kentucky, photographed with some Italian children while serving in the United States forces somewhere in Italy. Sgt. Condit is, of course, a customer of ours when at home in Kentucky and we certainly hope he is now home or will be real soon.

Send in Pictures

I hope all you folks enjoy the pictures in Seed Sense as much as I enjoy getting them. They're really a very important part of our little magazine. It always makes me feel good to get a picture showing how H. F. seeds and stock are producing for my customers in different states. Because film has been so scarce, pictures haven't been so plentiful, but I'm hoping that soon we can all enjoy taking more pictures, and I sure hope you remember me and send them in often. I always pay 50c for every picture used, so send yours in now.

Really Came Through

"Dear Mr. Field: Last spring I ordered one of your Fuzzless Berta Peach Trees. I set it deep, watering freely after pruning it back quite a bit. We had a very severe drought since around July 4th, but my little peach tree has come through without a single yellow leaf. It has grown two fine limbs from time of setting. I am greatly pleased with it."—Dr. Janie L. Reeter, Fort Worth, Texas.

My Favorite Perennial Collection

Friends are always writing me about what flowers to plant. It's hard to answer, because I like so many things. But if you were to pin me down, this is probably what I'd say for a starter:

2 Shasta Daisies	1 Bleeding Heart
2 Columbines	1 Gaillardia Ruby
3 Lily-of-the-Valley	2 Gaillardia Sun God
1 Pink For-Get-Me-Not	2 Sweet William
	2 Hardy Carnations

And I'll send them all to you for only \$4.98, postpaid, along with a FREE Midnight Blue Delphinium. Just ask for No. XW-50.



Everything Did Fine

"Dear Mr. Field: Here is a snapshot of my son, Don, and his sister with your mammoth Russian Sunflower. Sorry I couldn't get more film. I'd like to have taken pictures of many other garden things. Everything did very well this year. Thank you very much."—Mrs. Wm. Gustafson, Shelby, Montana.

Mud Pie Test

How can a person tell when it is safe to spade for a spring garden? Here is a simple answer. Let's call it a mud-pie test and who hasn't made a mud pie at one time or another. Pick up a handful of soil and pat it between your palms as you used to do in childhood; if it holds together and makes a nice mud-pie, then it is too wet to spade. Don't tramp on soil when in this stage.

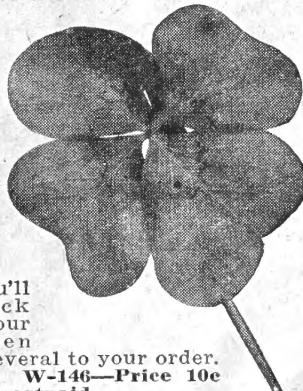
When soil crumbles, it is best to spade for easy work and best results. It is not dry, but slightly moist, yet not wet enough to hold together in a mud-pie. In this condition, spade at once—the quicker the better. Hang this sign on your spade, "Don't use till soil will crumble."

In Spite of Conditions

"Dear Henry: I am sending you an order for 2 bu. Hybrid seed corn. I can certainly recommend this corn to anyone as it is all you claim it to be. I raised a fine crop this year, in spite of hindering conditions."—Ben F. Stahlman, Saint Clair, Missouri.

Good Luck by H. F.

Want to have good luck this year? Plant several of these Good Luck Plants in your garden and watch them grow. The leaves are enormous—often $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches across—and all perfect 4 leafed as illustrated. Plant in garden like Glads or plant in pots. You'll have Good Luck leaves to give your neighbors when they call. Add several to your order. Make fine gifts. W-146—Price 10c each; 3 for 25c, postpaid.



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Another Seed Sense in April

Have been promising all of you that I'd start sending another Seed Sense in the Spring as soon as I could. It looks now like I'll be able to. Paper isn't quite so hard to get, and if promises to me are lived up to, I'll send you another in April. In the meantime, write me a letter and send in some pictures of you and the kids and the garden. I like them to see them, and of course I print letters and pictures here in Seed Sense. And I pay 50c for the pictures when I print them.

We Need to Grow More Fruit

Although there are 59 million more people in the United States than in 1910, there are nevertheless 146 million fewer apple trees. I can hardly believe it myself. But these are Department of Agriculture figures, and should be right.

Have been preaching to you all the time about how expensive store bought fruit is. And how easy it is to grow it at home. Maybe these startling figures will wake a lot of us up, and get us back on the right road again. So go get out your copy of the spring catalog. Look up all the fruit that's there ready for you to plant. (Lots of it that will bear this spring) No reason why you shouldn't. And hundreds of reasons why you should. Get started.

"And he gave it for his opinion, that whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass, to grow where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together."—Jonathan Swift.

Roses—3 for \$1.00

It's not often we can make you such a bargain offer as this—and especially this year when all ornamentals are so hard to get—but I just felt like doing something to give you a real treat—and here it is—Climbing Roses—good varieties—3 for \$1.00 or 10 for \$3.00—delivered postpaid—as long as they last—but you'll have to talk fast for I have only a few thousand of these rose bushes to spare.

Here's how it is.

The roses we usually sell are 2 yr. field grown, but we have a nice lot of good heavy rooted 1 yr. field grown bushes coming on for next year. One block of about 10,000 of these have to be dug and moved this spring and instead of lining them out to grow another year we decided to let you have them at a real bargain as quoted above.

Use them as a ground cover or for fences. They'll trail up or on the ground—fight weeds, too.

These are not little hothouse plants, but are field grown, healthy, thrifty, sure to live and do well, and will all bloom this first summer and all summer.

There are about 6 varieties in all, all good ones, and all colors, just about the same list as the 2 yr. ones in the catalog, but at this price and scarce as help is, we can't and won't bother to make up special lists as ordered. We will send our choice of kinds, all good kinds, all colors, no two alike, all good thrifty bushes. They are exceptionally well rooted. On a set of 3 we will try to give you one red, one pink, and one white or yellow, all everblooming. On a set of 10 we will give you every color that comes in these roses. They will be sent postpaid as soon as safe to ship and plant. Order at once, as they are offered "subject to being unsold" and that won't be very long. Remember the price. Buy all you want.

PRICE—3 for \$1.00—or 10 for \$3.00—assorted colors our choice—all good. Ask for No. XL-21.

H.F.



Our Jersey cow and her twin calves at our Ozark home. No the cows don't all have two calves a year there, but ours did that time. The man holding the cow is "Jim" that you have heard me speak of. He's been with us there for 11 years, runs the place when I'm away, and is my main help when I'm there. Jim is the salt of the earth, a good farmer, and a mighty fine man. H.F.

Wild Flowers From My Ozark Garden

As usual I am offering again this spring a choice selection of beautiful Wild Flowers direct from my private garden in the Ozarks. Mrs. Field and I will be down there during at least a part of the spring and will dig and pack and mail the plants fresh right from our own garden. We have a lot of varieties of them and we are adding more all the time. Look up the list on page 28 of the big catalog, and send in your order. We will book the order and then mail it at the proper time while we are down there. We also mail some strawberry plants direct from there.

Here Are the Moon Signs for 1946

Here are the planting dates for 1946 according to the moon signs. Don't guarantee they're right, so suit yourself about using them. If you want more detail better get the Llewellyn Moon Sign Book advertised on page 8 of the catalog which is probably the best known authority. It sells at \$1.00 and we can supply you.

Potatoes (early)—Mar. 20-21 and also 30-31, or in a real early season Mar. 2.

Beets, radishes, carrots, onions, and other root crops, same dates as early potatoes.

Corn (including field corn, sweet corn, and popcorn)—May 4, May 13-14-15, and June 1. Or in the south or in a very early season, Apr. 7-8.

Beans, melons, cucumbers, and squashes, same dates as corn.

Tomatoes (outside)—May 4, also 13-14-15.

Tomatoes, cabbage, etc., in hotbeds or in house—Feb. 11-12-13, Mar. 11-12.

Cabbage (outside)—Mar. 11-12, and Apr. 7-8.

Peas (also mustard, kale, and chard)—same dates as cabbage outside.

Late Cabbage—June 9-10-11.

Late Potatoes—June 20-21.

Butchering dates—Mar. 11-12.

Weeds and Briars. The Missourians say that if you chop your sprouts and briars and big weeds in the sign of the heart (Leo) in the dark of the moon in August or July (Aug. 24-25 and July 27-28 this year) they will not sprout up again but will die. H. F.

Please Help Me

If you are one of my customers getting 2 each of my catalogs or Seed Sense right along, you could do me a real favor if you'd just drop me a card or tell me on your order when you send it.

You see these days we can't always get enough help to keep our list right up to date. Rather than make a mistake and cut someone out of getting their catalog, I lean the other way and sometimes mail two to the same house. This costs me a lot of money and with your help I can stop the waste. Will you help? Thanks.

Here's a form you could pin on your order or paste on a card and I'd sure appreciate it.

I receive more than one catalog.

My name.....St. or Rt.....

My town.....State.....

Duplicate is addressed to.....Name.....

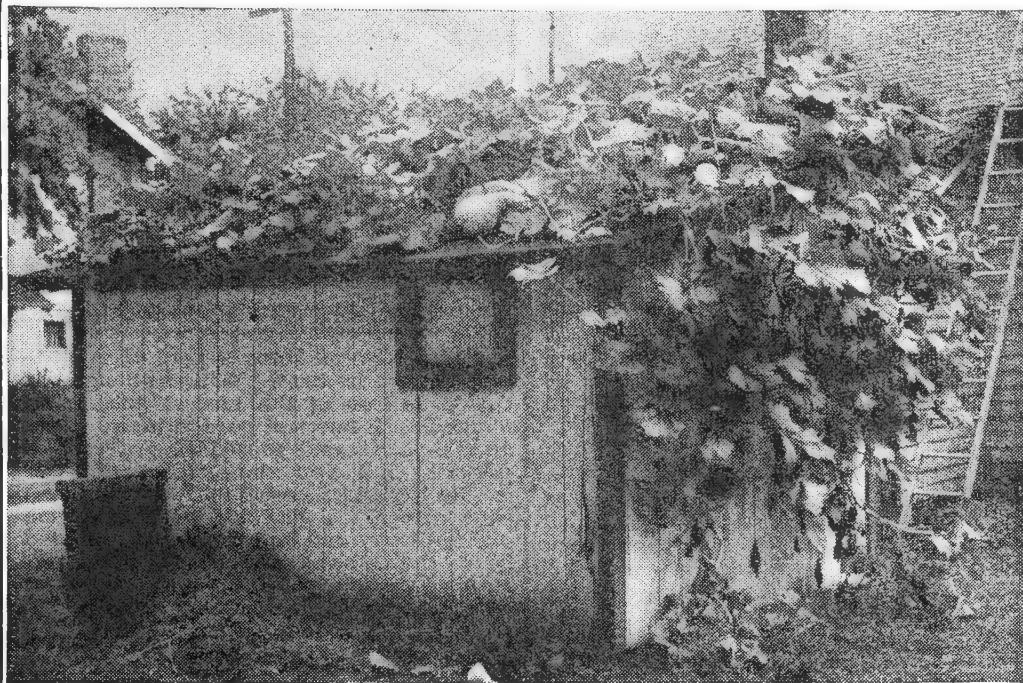
SOME YOUNG "H. F." CUSTOMERS AND WHAT THEY GREW

YOU CAN, TOO, IF YOU PLANT GENUINE HENRY FIELD SEED



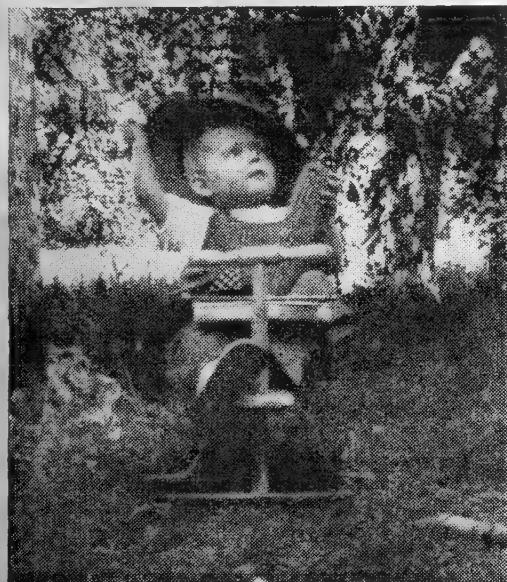
"Hurry Mother"—It's Heavy

"Dear Mr. Field: Here's a picture of some of your Hybrid South American Popcorn. My 3 children Paul 12, Bonnie Lou 10, and Patsy Ann 3, insisted it was heavy and told me to hurry. Behind them you can see the foliage of our Concord Grapes we got from you."—Mrs. Harold Coats, Rt. 2, Anderson, Missouri.



Squash on the Coal Shed

Mr. W. H. Kobel, of Frankfort, Indiana, is a photographer by trade but he likes to experiment, on a small scale, with various seeds. For the past three years, for example, he has grown squashes on the roof of his coal shed and two vines covered the top of the shed as shown in this illustration. Five nice squashes grew on top of the shed, three weighing 26 pounds and the other two weighing 13 pounds. How is that for growing things on a minimum of space.



Bug Dust for Fleas

"Dear Mr. Field: Here is a picture of our little daughter Beverly Jane, age 11 mos., holding an ear of Hybrid corn. We use and like your garden seeds very much. Her daddy calls this picture 'Daddy's Farmerette.' We always use your Bug Dust not only for the garden but for fleas on the dog."—Mrs. Harold Johnson, Litchfield, Nebraska.



Customer for 38 Yrs.

"Dear Mr. Field: Enclosed you will find the name I choose for the packet of unnamed tomato you sent me. I choose the name Triumph. I think it is a good variety. Here is a picture of myself with a dish of them. I have used your seeds for 38 years and would not plant any other if I can get Fields."—Mrs. Frank M. Stout, Ellington, Missouri.



All Grown Up

"Dear Mr. Field: My little grandson Edgar Paul Stewart, age 3 yrs. He got his daddy's boots on the wrong feet. We raised some of your Sugar Lumps last year and liked them fine."—Mrs. Edgar Dye, Almartho, Missouri.



Grew So Fast

"Dear Mr. Field: Here is a picture of myself and part of my 400 chicks which arrived April 24th. They sure were a fine bunch of chickens and grew so fast."

—Mrs. W. A. Boyer, Bonne Terre, Mo.

Visit Henry Field Stores

You customers who live near my stores should drop in for a visit once in a while. They are all well stocked with seasonable things to plant, and the supplies and equipment you need to go with planting. Am especially proud of them this year, so drop in and get acquainted with the managers. They know a lot about gardening and farming, and will be glad to help you.

Here's where they are and the managers' names:

FT. DODGE, IOWA—517 Central Ave., Frank Edgerton, manager.

STORM LAKE, IOWA—512 Erie St., Harold (Steve) Stevens, manager.

DES MOINES, IOWA—215 Walnut St., Don White, manager. Nursery Store, 3801 Douglas, Sim Carey, manager.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA—942 P Street, C. W. (Breck) Brekenfeld, manager.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA—535 West Broadway, A. R. (Het) Hettinger, manager.

SPENCER, IOWA—216 South Grand, Clyde Bromwell, manager.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA—7110 Dodge St., John A. (Andy) Andresen, manager.

SO. OMAHA, NEBRASKA—4929 So. 24th St., J. T. Zimmerman, manager.

SHENANDOAH, IOWA—407 Sycamore St., H. P. (Pate) Simmons, manager of retail store, and all the rest of us, too.

Some Had Buds

"Dear Mr. Field: Now that I have the Strawberries, Raspberries, Boysenberries and Rhubarb in, I must write and tell you how nice they were, especially the Strawberries. I never saw such vigorous plants—some even had buds and I don't think even one didn't grow."—Mrs. Geo. Gerdes, 336 Avenue G, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Well Pleased

"Dear Henry: I got your grape collection and I am well pleased with them. I never saw anything do better."—Thomas Farabee, Henrietta, Missouri.



Challenges the World

"Dear Henry: Here is part of my victory garden in 1945. Will challenge the U.S.A. as having the largest garden all worked with hoe and garden plow. Over 60,000 sq. ft. and passed 80 yrs. old. I want to tell you the quality of your Golden Hybrid Sweet Corn was the finest ever grown. I had all of my garden planted early and had the finest peas and beans that I have ever grown. This picture of myself was taken in my sweet potato patch of over 2500 plants."—Mr. C. F. Sutter, Salina, Kansas.

Don't Delay Planting Nursery Stock

Have been saying it in every Seed Sense for I don't know how many years, but don't delay planting your nursery stock when you get it. Nursery isn't like garden seed. It's really perishable—especially when it dries out. So get it in the ground the very first day it arrives. If the weather is bad, heel it in the ground. It will stay alive this way and give you time to plan your planting. But the best way is to plant it in a permanent location right away.

One of the Loveliest

When I wrote the big spring catalog I didn't think I'd have enough of these lovely beauties to take care of you, so I didn't list them. I'm talking about my wonderful Blazing Star perennial. Some of you will know it as Liatris, but this particular one just can't be called by such a colorless name. Its flowers are on tall spikes of a bright red-purple that just can't be described. They grow 3 ft. tall absolutely anywhere—wet or dry. And they especially like those hot conditions which many flowers can't stand. One of my favorites. And it should be yours. I'll send you 2 for 65c or 3 for 89c, postpaid. Just ask for No. W-216.

Iowa Sales Tax

Am required by the State of Iowa to collect a 2% Sales Tax on most of the things I sell in Seed Sense and the catalog, so hope you will add this sum to your orders. You DO NOT have to pay a sales tax, however, on field seeds, and corn. Just add the tax for garden seed, nursery stock and miscellaneous merchandise.



In Downtown Honolulu

"Dear Mr. Field: You will find enclosed an order for shrubs, etc., also a picture of our sailor son, Floyd A. Ewer, M.A.M. 1/c taken with some of his buddies. The sailor on the right, stooping on the ground, is our son. This picture was taken in downtown Honolulu in front of a Jap dry goods store. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942, and received his discharge last November 9. He was on Guam, Pearl Harbor and Tokyo. We would like the free tree for our son."—Mrs. A. B. Ewer, Waverly, Kansas.

Glad Mrs. Ewer's son is safely home and the free servicemen's tree was sent to her last fall.

Payment in Nursery

Sometimes we have orders that include postage free items and others which should be shipped express collect. When these two go out together, which happens sometimes, the customer has to pay express charges on the items which he bought at a postpaid price. Naturally, this isn't fair. To make it right with the customer, we always try to send along extra nursery stock that is worth MORE than the postage charges involved. This seemed better than to make up two packages, and the customer actually gets a very good bargain out of it.

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Chinese or celery cabbage to be really successful must be planted sometime during the last two weeks in July and NOT IN THE SPRING.

Shares Her Flowers

"Dear Sir: I have two beds of the finest and most beautiful Marigolds and Zinnias I have ever seen. My neighbors and friends are taking them away by the arm loads and everyone says they have never seen such beautiful flowers and want to know where I got the seeds. I tell them they are Henry Fields seeds. My mums are so beautiful too, so many beautiful colors. I bought all my flower seeds, bulbs and shrubs from you and just wanted to tell you how pleased I am with everything."—Mrs. G. W. Whipple, 427 E. 6th, Cherryvale, Kansas.

Shipping Your Orders

Every order received by us is given very careful attention. We receive some letters from customers every year saying that part of their order is missing. Sometimes, of course, we make mistakes, but not often. Please read carefully all papers received with each shipment. These papers will explain why you are receiving only part of your order and when you may expect the balance of it. We want to fill your orders when our stock is in best condition and at the proper planting time. Garden seeds and non perishable goods are always sent immediately. Some plants and nursery stock are shipped in separate packages, so that you may receive several shipments on one order. Perennials, Vegetable Plants, House Plants, Wildflowers, Evergreens, Pansies, Strawberries, and Bulbs come in separate packages even when sent on the same day. Heavy seeds are shipped by freight. So, send your orders in early and you can depend on us to do the rest.

Growing Like Weeds

"Dear Sir: Received the baby chicks in good condition. They are growing like weeds and sure are active. Thanks for good service."—C. Clingingsmith, 420 N. 28th, Quincy, Illinois.

Triple Choice Offer

Here's the best Seed Sense chicken offer I've made in a long time. You can't afford not to take advantage of it.

1. Only the following breeds included:

Leg Rocks White Wyandottes
Barred Rocks White Rocks
Buff Orpingtons New Hampshires

2. Price is only \$9.25 per 100, postpaid to your door and 100% live arrival guaranteed.

3. Only our "Best" and "Better Than Best" grades shipped, and it's our choice, which one.

Here's how it works. You make 3 choices out of the 6 above. We make every effort to send you your choice, but we reserve the right to send the breed which best suits us for the date you select. This way you get a real special price, and we get a chance (if we have to) to select one of 3 breeds. If we guess our production right, we send you exactly what you order. If we miss, we can level out our production by sending your second or third choice.

A good deal both ways.

About Planting Trees for Servicemen

Wish I could show you all the letters and pictures sent in to me about the Servicemen's Trees I sent out free last Fall. You wouldn't believe it even if you saw for yourself. Never experienced a more satisfying feeling than reading all your thanks. I had the stock of trees and was glad to give them for such a good cause. Only wish I had stock enough to do it again this spring, but I haven't. Thank you all for writing and sending so many fine pictures, some of which you'll see here in Seed Sense.

Recommends Field's Chicks

"Dear Mr. Field: I received the baby chicks from you all alive and in fine shape and are growing fine. Have ordered from you different times and have always been well pleased. I recommend Field's chicks to my friends and neighbors."—Mrs. Gertie Coates, Promise City, Iowa.

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Likes Hawkeye Chickens

"Dear Mr. Field: We surely liked the new Hawkeye Chickens. They grow so large and have the loveliest white feathers we have ever had."—Mrs. Nellie Gale, 842 Dunkam, Des Moines, Iowa.



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100% live arrival of strong, live chicks guaranteed on every order. My iron-clad guarantee. H. F.

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BETTER SPECIAL LAYING GRADE PREPAID

BEST BEST EGG GRADE PREPAID

BETTER THAN BEST EXTRA SELECT GRADE PREPAID

VARIETIES	Per 100 St. Run	Per 100 Pullets	Per 100 Cockerels	Per 100 St. Run	Per 100 Pullets	Per 100 Cockerels	Per 100 St. Run	Per 100 Pullets	Per 100 Cockerels	Per 100 St. Run	Per 100 Pullets	Per 100 Cockerels
WHITE ROCKS	\$8.25	\$13.95	\$8.25	\$10.25	\$15.95	\$9.25	\$11.25	\$16.95	\$10.25	\$12.25	\$17.95	\$11.25
WHITE LEGHORNS	8.25	17.95	3.75	10.25	19.95	4.75	11.25	20.95	5.75	12.25	21.95	6.75
LEG-ROCKS	8.75	16.95	4.45	10.75	18.95	5.45	11.75	19.95	6.45	12.75	20.95	7.45
AUSTRA WHITES	9.45	17.45	6.95	11.45	19.45	7.95	12.45	20.45	8.95	13.45	21.45	9.95
BARRED ROCKS BUFF ORPINGTONS WHITE WYANDOTTES	8.95	14.45	8.95	10.95	16.45	9.95	11.95	17.45	10.95	12.95	18.45	11.95
RHODE ISLAND REDS NEW HAMPSHIRE	9.25	14.95	9.25	11.25	16.95	10.25	12.25	17.95	11.25	13.25	18.95	12.25
WHITE GIANTS	9.95	13.75	9.25	11.95	15.75	10.95	12.95	16.75	11.95	13.95	17.75	12.95
BLACK AUSTRALorp	9.75	14.25	9.75	11.75	16.25	10.75	12.75	17.25	11.75	13.75	18.25	12.75
WHITE HAWKEYE	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.95	17.95	11.25
HEAVY ASSORTED	8.45	.....	6.25	9.45	.....	6.95	9.95	.....	7.45	10.95	.....	7.75
ALL BREEDS ASSORTED 40% HEAVIES	6.45	.....	4.45	7.45	.....	4.95	7.95	.....	5.25	8.45	.....	5.75



Proof of the Pudding

Proof of the pudding is the eating of it. It's that way with popcorn too. Here's "Alfalfa John" and me looking over the popcorn trials. Had over 700 different kinds and crosses in this plot. (There were some real kettle busters in the lot too. You should be around when we start the popping and eating tests.) We have been breeding Popcorn Hybrids for over ten years now—and think we have the best there is. If early inquiries are an indication of later sales, we'll be sold out of Hybrid Popcorn seed again this year. Better get your order in early. Prices: Triple size (3 oz.) Pkt., 20c; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., 45c; 1 lb., 75c; 3 lbs., \$2.10; 10 lbs., \$6.50, postpaid. 60c per 100 lbs. in sealed, branded bags, f.o.b., Shenandoah.

Beats Them All

"Dear Mr. Field: In regard to my last year's corn, your 135R was the best I ever raised. I have planted a number of different hybrids but the 135R beats them all."—W. O. Huffman, Langdon, Missouri.

Make Money on White Hybrid

You all know that White Hybrid brings a premium price, because the big mills all over the country want it. No reason why you shouldn't get the 15c to 25c extra a bushel that is offered. And we've got the best white hybrids for you right here at Henry Field's. Just as easy to grow. Just as easy to harvest. Just as easy to market. And you get a premium price.

Watch for Germination on Hybrid Corn

There's a lot of hybrid this year that is carrying poor germination. Most of it was caused by the early freezes last fall. Some states are even "recommending" that 80% germination be carried on the label. This is fair, of course—if you want that kind of corn. Here at Henry Field's you get 90% germination or better, as always. And no shrivelled, discolored, frost-damaged stock either. It pays to buy at Henry Field's where only "Seeds That Yield Are Sold by Field."

100 Bu. to the Acre

"Dear Henry: I owe you thanks this year for the fine corn that I got from you. Took 120 days to mature this year on account of the cold spring. No. 100 is just in the dough, No. 116R is in the milk. Both look like it couldn't help but make a 100 bushels to the acre."—Charles Stonekocker, Rt. 1, Delta, Colorado.

Half Sold Out

You've all heard a lot about frosted, bad germinating corn caused by the early freezes last fall. Most of the stories are true. There was more frost damage this year than I can remember. Most of it was in the Northern and Middle sections, but even some parts farther South suffered. You can tell this corn by its bad appearance. Some growers are saying ALL seed corn was frost damaged to cover up.

This isn't true. None of my corn was damaged. It's the best-looking, best germinating hybrid I've ever grown. I'm proud of it, and I know you will be, too. Only thing is, I don't have enough of it, and about half my numbers are sold out already. With perfect seed a very scarce item, everybody is going to try to buy it.

"Hawkeye Best for Meat"

"Dear Mr. Field: As for meat the Hawkeyes are the best chicks I have ever raised. They have everything—fast growing, clean white hens, broad breast and large legs. I want more next year."—Harold O. Hermling, 117 Ashley, Peoria, Illinois.

Radio Hymnals Ready

We finally have an edition of 10,000 radio hymnals. This is the best loved hymn book on the market—the only one containing almost all of the good old Gospel Hymns in one volume—hundreds of them. Price, Cloth bound, 75c, flexible back 60c, all Postpaid. Order now. Write for special low prices on lots of 25 or more to Churches and Sunday Schools.

H. F. .

Round Grade Hybrid

You all remember the wet, cold spring last year. And how rough on the corn crop it was. Well, those of you who planted my Round Grades can also remember how well they did. Rounds are the best protection I know against early spring troubles. You can almost guess this just by looking at them. With their seed coats "all around," instead of just up the sides and at the top, they resist injurious soil conditions better than any other grade. Especially, they take bad spring weather—and even like it. And at the price I sell them you can buy a set of planter plates for the saving you make on the first bushel.

Makes Tomatoes Seedless

Here's something you haven't heard of. Don't know a lot about it myself. Except that it works. It's called Perthene, a product made up of a good many of the new Hormones, and it will grow tomatoes without seeds—or nearly so. I've tried it, and hardly believe it. Probably works on other vegetables, too. Don't know. You spray on the blossoms. It takes the place of pollen. Think you should try it. Big size package \$1.00, postpaid.

A Customer Reorders

"Dear Henry: I wish to state that I had very good luck with your 116 blend corn this last season, and wish to order 4 more bushels."—Mr. Henry Lust, 222 Grant St., Downers Grove, Illinois.

Tops In Corn

"Dear Henry: Our Hybrid corn did fine last year. We also planted another hybrid but it didn't do nearly as well—had bushels and bushels of moldy corn in it while the Hybrid we got from you didn't have a moldy ear. We can truly say it's tops in corn."—Gerald R. Cross, Rt. 2, Cozadale, Ohio.



Best for Hill Land

"Dear Henry: Myself and some H.F. Hybrid Corn. I like your corn best of all for hill land."—W. E. Huff, Edgar Springs, Missouri.

"Almost" SOLD OUT

of Henry Field Hybrid Corn

Here Are the Popular

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90% Germination or Better

No. 100—(100 to 105 days). Heavy yielder average soils. Has made 105 bu. per acre. Good for hand picking. Ears about 3 1/2 ft. high.

No. 116-1—(110 to 116 days). New introduction—holds its ears perfectly. Ideal for Northern Iowa or in later maturity zones where a quick maturing corn is wanted.

No 116R—(110 to 116 days). For rich soil. Large ear. Yields high as 142 bu. per A. The winner on heavy soil. Excellent feeding corn and picks well both ways.

No. 129—(120 to 125 days). The New 129 with the single large ear. Very drought resistant. For all types of soil.

No. 135R — (125 days).	Flats \$8 50 per bu.
New Late corn for rich soils. Extra heavy stalk. Large medium ear. As good or better than U. S. 13. You try it and be the judge. Ear height 4 1/2 to 5 ft. Hand picking.	Rounds \$6 50 per bu.

No. 129—WHITE—A Silvermine type—but heavier yielder. Medium height ear. Rough ear. Flats \$8.75 per bu., freight prepaid.

Freight Prepaid

It's easy to order corn from Henry Field. All you have to do is fill out the coupon below and send it in. Corn is delivered Freight Prepaid.

All-Weather Blend

Still have supply of my All-Weather Blends in 116, 129 and 135 Series. They shed pollen over a longer period making a crop almost certain. Can take hot extremes. Price: Best Flats \$7.25 per bu.; Rounds \$6.50. Freight Prepaid.

HENRY FIELD,
Shenandoah, Iowa

Dear Henry: I am enclosing my (check or money order) in the amount of \$10.00 for Henry Field Hybrid Corn. Please send me the numbers indicated below.

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Here It Is!

Here is a picture of 10 mos. old Carol Ernestine Sawatzky, sent in by her mother, Mrs. Ernest G. Sawatzky, Rt. 1, Clinton, Oklahoma. Carol's mother says, "Her birthday is December 24th and she would like to see her picture in our next issue of Seed Sense."

Hope she enjoys seeing her picture as much as I know all the rest of you will.
—H.F.

New Midland Grain Sorghum

We introduced this new Midland last year under No. 617, as it was so new at that time that it didn't even have a name. An improved selection of Early Kalo, produces a much heavier yield of good sound grain with stiffer stalks—more disease resistant. Compact seed heads mature early, stand up well after ripening in the field, in case of delayed harvest, and are resistant to Chinch Bugs.



Large as Hen Eggs

Louis and Ed Rachow of Strang, Nebraska, holding bunches of scarlet globe radishes. They write, "Some were as large as hen eggs and nice and sweet. We belong to the "Hoe Hitler Under" Garden Club which recently changed their name to "Hold Hitler Under." We all enjoy Seed Sense very much. Last year we fixed an exhibit at County and State Fair. Won a Blue Ribbon at State and 2nd at County which was \$40.00 cash, and first at County this year and had \$60.00 cash."

Alfalfa Stretcher

Mighty glad to see the way you people are taking hold of that ALFALFA SWEET CLOVER MIXTURE. Can't beat it for value and quality, yet it does the job and saves money at the same time. It is the ideal mixture to sow along with Brome Grass. If you'll check it with regular prices you can easily see the savings.

If you bought good unmixed seed and mixed it yourself, it would cost you at least \$21.00 per bushel. By buying this natural mixture the price is only \$16.50 per bushel and you can save the difference. The mixture contains 50% Hardy Northern Grimm Alfalfa along with 50% Sweet Clover. Will add lots of nitrogen to the soil and stands close pasturing. All new crop seed. Perfect to sow with Brome at the rate of 5 to 6 lbs. per acre and 12 to 15 lbs. of Brome.

New Sweet Sudan

Here is the NEW SWEET SUDAN we introduced last year that gave such wonderful results that we are being flooded with orders this spring. Sweet Sudan is the sweet, juicy, palatable forage seed for all kinds of live stock. It is far superior to the common Sudan type, and greater disease resistance and non shattering seed qualities, making it easier to harvest. Heavy plant growth means higher yields per acre. Plant 20 pounds per acre when the soil is warm, after corn planting time. But don't wait until then to order seed as we will be sold out. DO IT RIGHT NOW.

Early Giant Korean Lespedeza

Hulled and scarified Early Giant Lespedeza is certainly going to town this year. This is a crop to plant for a lot of fine stemmed, leafy, high protein pasture, during the hot summer months, when you need it the most. Makes a perfect companion crop with other pasture grasses such as Blue Grass, Red Top, Timothy, etc. It is not hard to get started if seeded early. There is no special seed bed preparation. Liked by all because of the extra growth that it gives you over regular Korean Lespedeza.

Plant Hay and Pasture Mix

Every wise farmer knows that a balanced mixture is the best seeding. That's why we can always recommend Henry's Famous 50-50 Permanent Hay & Pasture Mixture, that contains 50% legumes to build up the soil and 50% grasses to establish the sod. Not all grasses are adapted to every type of soil on your farm. No two farms are ever alike, so naturally some seeds will do better on one farm than on another.

That is why this mixture worked out by Henry through years of experience is balanced so perfectly that it will give you good growth on any type of soil. It's a foolproof mixture and has been improved on so much that it simply can't be improved on any more. We call it the All-Around Year mix and it will eventually go to blue grass. It's available in both the 50-50A that contains sweet clover; or if you prefer a pasture without sweet clover, we have it available in Henry's 50-50B Permanent Hay & Pasture Mixture.

"ALFALFA" JOHN SAYS . . .

Farmers should be worried about two things this year.

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First, the serious shortage of legume seed. And second, the frost damage to hybrid seed corn.

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Taking first things first, there is less legume seed in the country this year than at any time in many many years.

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Alfalfa is especially short. Probably don't have to tell you this if you've been looking around. If you don't have yours yet, get it right now. Don't wait even one day.

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Red Clover is another short item. Fortunately, we have what is probably the best supply of Premium Grade red in the whole country. Won't have it long. First come gets it while it lasts.

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The rest of the legumes are short or completely unobtainable. Alsike, Mammoth Red and Hubam are worst. We'll have to have some big seed crops before we get back to normal. Plan to harvest some legume seed this year.

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The early freezes last year affected about 30% of Hybrid Seed Corn crop.

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Most damage was done in the northern and middle sections.

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You can't always recognize frost damage just by looking at the seed. Buy seed corn early and only from a company you can trust.

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Some people are sending out 60 lb. and better bushels to make up for poor germination. You don't want any of that if you can help it.

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Glad to say Henry Field Hybrid is up to par this year or better. You can tell by looking at it. And it's all 90% germination or better, as usual. They say northern Iowa and southern Minnesota farmers will have to plant adapted Hybrids as low as 80% germination to plant a normal acreage.

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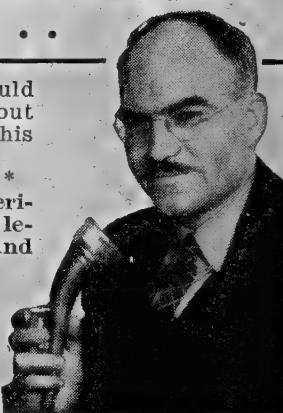
Hybrid is scarce. Don't put off sending in your orders.

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Another thing. With all the pasture reseeding going on, you'd better protect yourself on Pasture Mixes, Bluegrass, etc.

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Buy your Field seeds early. Not so much because prices are going up as because the supply is way below the demand. This means the fellow who waits till seeding time to buy his seed will find many kinds all gone.





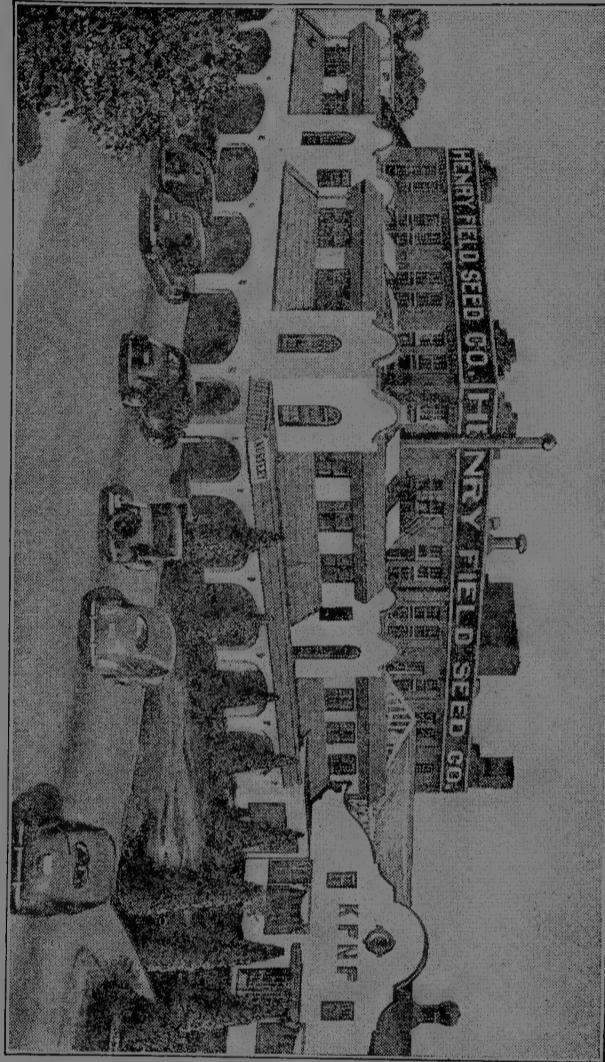
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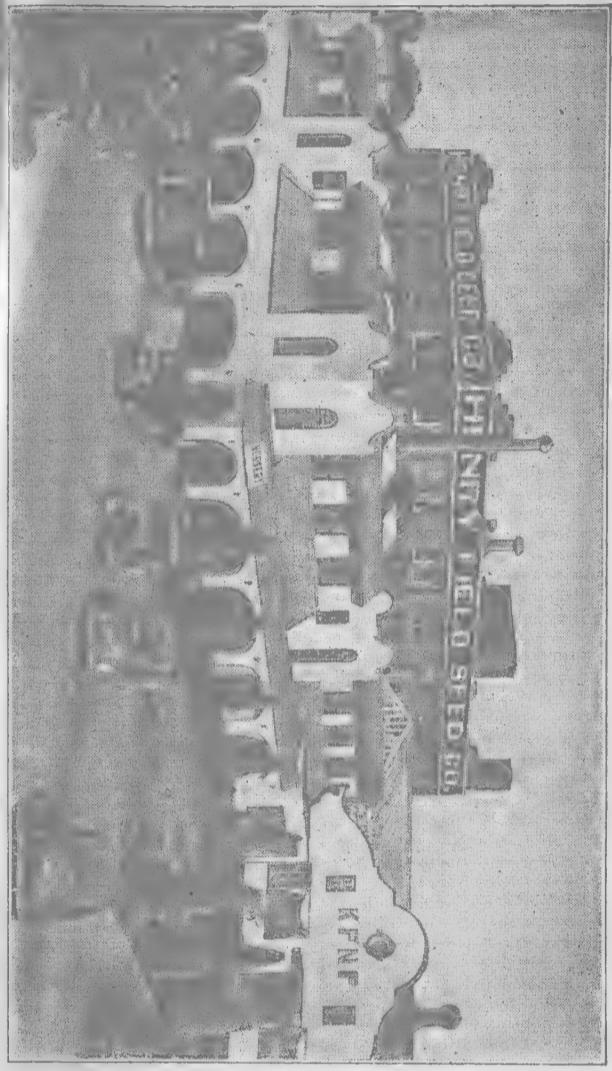
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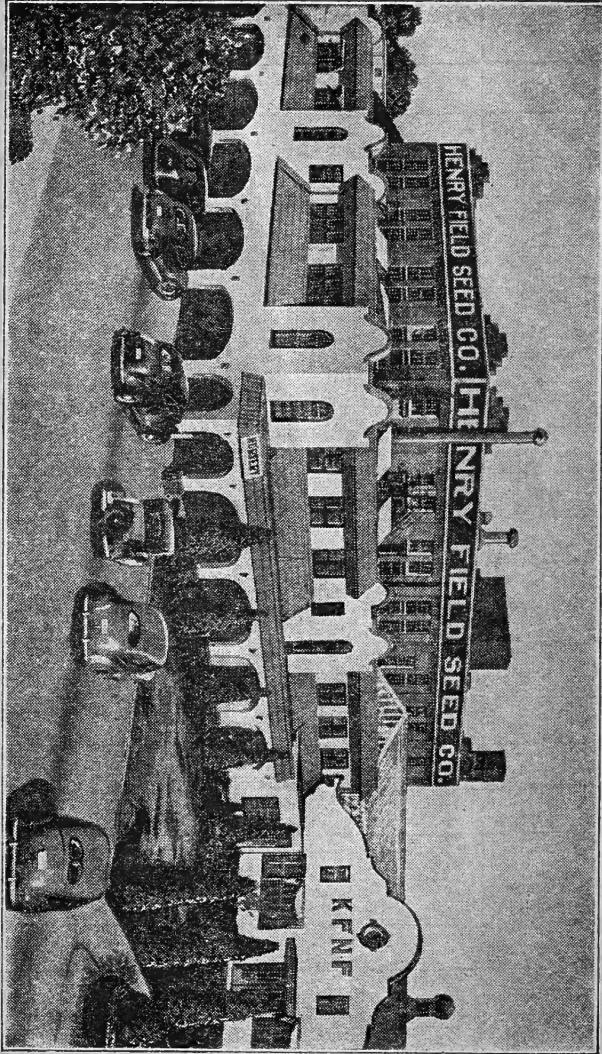


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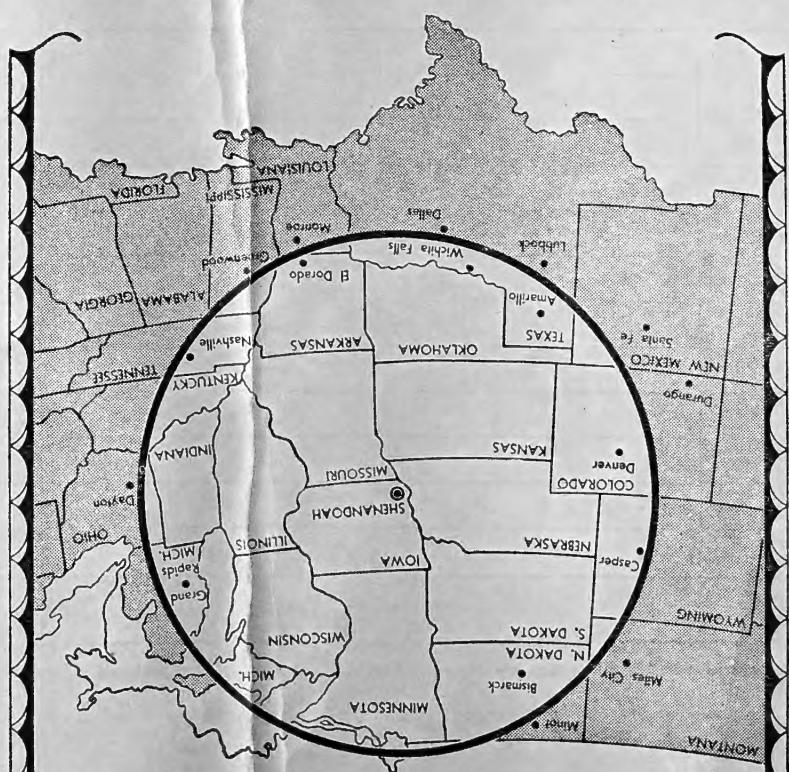
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FREE SAMPLES: Samples of any seeds, listed, are free on request.

BAGS FREE: No extra charge for bags. These are **FREE**.

TESTED SEED: All my seed is carefully tested for purity and germination by officially-trained analysts. Test is printed on each tag. If not good it's not sold.

PRICES F.O.B. SHENANDOAH: These are low net prices F.O.B. Shenandoah. I will gladly quote the low prepaid price on request.

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ALFALFA (60 lb. bu.)

These Alfalfa prices are below OPA ceilings.

	Per Bu.
Field's Special Blend, 97% Pure.....	\$24.95
Dakota No. 12 (Standard), 98% Pure.....	28.45
Dakota No. 12 (Premium), 99 1/4% Pure.....	Sold Out
Grimm (Lot Hardy), 97% Pure.....	25.95
Grimm (Standard), 98% Pure.....	28.50
Grimm (Premium), 99 1/4% Pure.....	Sold Out
Cossack (Premium), 99 1/4% Pure.....	Sold Out
Alfalfa-Sweet Clover Mix. 50-50 equal parts (ideal for seeding with Brome, 6 lbs. per acre).....	16.50

RED AND ALSIKE CLOVERS (60 lb. bu.)

These Clover prices are below OPA ceilings.

	Per Bu.
Red Clover (Standard), 97% Pure.....	\$24.10
Red Clover (Best), 99% Pure.....	25.95
Red Clover (Premium), 99 1/4% Pure.....	26.75
Midland Red Clover (Certified Blue Tag).....	Sold Out
Mammoth Red Clover (Best), 99% Pure.....	Sold Out
Mammoth Red Clover (Premium), 99 1/4% Pure.....	Sold Out
Alsike (Standard), 97% Pure.....	23.50
Alsike (Best), 98% Pure.....	25.20

SWEET CLOVER (60 lb. bu.)

These Sweet Clover prices are below OPA ceilings.

	Per Bu.
White & Yellow Sweet Clover, 98% Pure.....	\$ 9.90
Tall Sweet Clover (Best), 99% Pure.....	10.95
Tall Sweet Clover (Premium), 99 1/4% Pure.....	11.40
Yellow Blossom (Best), 99% Pure.....	10.95
Yellow Blossom (Premium), 99 1/4% Pure.....	11.40
Hubam (Best), 99% Pure.....	14.25
Hubam (Premium), 99 1/4% Pure.....	14.70
Birdsfoot Trefell (Lotus Corniculatus).....	\$2.65 per lb., postpaid

LESPEDIZA

	Per Bu.	Per 100 Lbs.
Korean (Standard), 98 1/2% Pure (25 lb. bu.). Suited to Mo., Kansas, and South only.....	\$ 2.25	\$ 9.00
Korean (Best), 99% Pure (25 lb. bu.).....	2.50	10.00
Korean (Hulled and Scarified) (60 lb. bu.), 99% Pure.....	7.80	13.00
Korean Early Giant (Unhulled) (25 lb. bu.), 98% Pure.....	Sold Out	
Korean Early Giant (Hulled and Scarified) (60 lb. bu.), 99% Pure.....	10.20	17.00
Sericea, 99% Pure (60 lb. bu.).....	21.00	35.00

TIMOTHY MIXTURES (45 lb. bu.)

	Per Bu.	Per 100 Lbs.
Timothy (Choice), 98% Pure.....	\$ 3.75	\$ 8.35
Timothy (Standard), 99% Pure.....	4.15	9.25
Timothy (Best), 99 1/2% Pure.....	4.50	10.00
Timothy-Alsike (20% to 25% Alsike).....	6.25	13.90
Timothy-Red Clover (20%-25% Clover) Clover).....	6.50	14.45
Red Clover, Alsike-Timothy Mixture (35% Red Clover, Balance Timothy- Alsike), (45 lb. bu.).....	10.75	23.95

HAY & PASTURE MIXTURES (45 lb. bu.)

	Per Bu.	Per 100 Lbs.
Good But Cheap Pasture Mixture (4 Clovers and 4 Grasses).....	\$ 6.50	\$ 14.50
50-50 A Permanent Hay and Pasture Mix (50% 6 kinds of Clover—50% 6 kinds of Grasses).....	7.75	17.20

HAY & PASTURE MIXTURES—Continued

	50-50 B Permanent Hay and Pasture Mix (Without Sweet Clover).....	\$ 8.45	\$ 18.75
Brome Grass Mixture (Over 50% Brome).....	6.95	15.45	
Crested-Slender Wheat Mixture.....	5.40	11.95	
Hurry Up Hog Pasture Mixture (Sudan, Rape, Rye Grass and Millet).....	4.75	10.50	
Hurry Up Cow Pasture Mixture (Rye Grass, Sudan, Timothy, and Millet).....	4.25	9.45	

BROME AND OTHER DRY LAND GRASSES

	Per 100 Lbs. Prepaid
Brome (Best No. 1 Northern Extra Heavy).....	\$17.95
Brome (Home Grown), Heavy.....	17.95
Brome (Lincoln Strain).....	22.00
Crested Wheat (No. 1 Northern).....	14.95
Slender Wheat (Best).....	11.95

OTHER GRASSES

	Per 100 Lbs. Prepaid
Reed Canary Grass.....	\$55.00
Kentucky Blue Grass (Heavy).....	55.00
Kentucky Blue Grass (Ex. Heavy).....	60.00
Red Top (Ex. Heavy).....	21.95
Rye Grass (Annual).....	14.00
Rye Grass (Perennial).....	24.95

ANNUAL PASTURE AND HAY CROPS

	Per 100 Lbs. Prepaid
Sweet Sudan.....	\$20.00
Sudan (Best).....	8.95
Sudan Certified Blue Tag.....	11.95
German Millet.....	6.50
Siberian Millet.....	4.75
Early Fortune Millet (Grain Type).....	4.00
Rape (Dwarf Essex), (25 lbs. \$6.25, Postpaid).....	18.50

WHITE SEEDED SORGHUM

	Per 100 Lbs. Prepaid
Norkan (Like Atlas only 10 days earlier).....	\$ 6.00
Atlas.....	6.00
Hegari (Arizona Registered).....	6.95
Feterita.....	Sold Out
Kaffir.....	5.50
White Proso (Grain Millet).....	4.00

OTHER SORGHUMS

	Per 100 Lbs. Prepaid
Early Kalo Certified.....	\$ 6.50
Early Kalo.....	5.50
Early Orange Cane.....	8.00
Black Amber Cane.....	8.00
Leoti Red Cane.....	8.00
Fodder Cane.....	7.50
Midland Early Combine Grain Sorghum	7.50
Martin's Combine Milo.....	5.50
Sooner Milo.....	5.50
Colby Milo.....	5.50
Grohoma	Sold Out

SEED GRAINS

	12 Bu. Lots	Per Bu.	Per Bu.
Cedar Oats (New U. S. Selection).....	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.85	
Tama Oats.....	1.45	1.35	
Boone Oats.....	1.45	1.35	
Buckwheat.....	1.85	1.70	

LAWN SEED (All Postpaid)

	1 Lb.	3 Lbs.	5 Lbs.	10 Lbs.
Field's Famous Evergreen				
Lawn Mix.....	\$ 0.65	\$ 1.79	\$ 2.95	\$ 5.75
Hormone Treated Lawn Mix.....	.75	2.10	3.40	6.50
Ky. Blue Grass (Ex. Sel.).....	.75	2.10	3.40	6.50
Shade Grass Mixture.....	.75	2.10	3.40	6.50
White Dutch Clover.....	1.45	3.75	5.95	11.50
New Bent Grass.....	1.45	3.75	5.95	11.50

SOYBEANS

	10 Bu. Lots	Per Bu.	Per Bu.
Lincoln, Yellow (New, High Yielding).....	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.90	
Richland Yellow.....	3.45	3.30	
Black Hay Beans.....	Sold Out	Sold Out	

SYRUP CANES. Drill 5 pounds per acre.

(All Prepaid)

	1 Lb.	3 Lbs.	5 Lbs.	10 Lbs.
Early Syrup Cane (Early Orange type for Iowa, Nebr., Southern Minnesota)				
Medium Syrup Cane (Me- dium Orange type for Kansas, Nebr., Missouri and Iowa).....	.39	1.00	1.50	2.50
Late Syrup Cane (Late Orange type for all southern states to Iowa).....	.39	1.00	1.50	2.50

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Fun for 3

"Dear Henry: These are my two girls and a neighbor girl in the pond which I use to irrigate my garden with."—Mr. W. A. Rardin, Thomas Rt., Clayton, New Mexico.

I really enjoyed this picture and it looks like 3 little girls were really enjoying themselves too when this picture was taken.—H.F.

Hot Air

"Dear Henry: Have used your corn for a good many years and compared it with hybrids costing twice as much per bushel and found that the extra charge was mostly for the 'Hot Air'."—F. H. Yoakam, Mount Victory, Ohio.

Mrs. Field's 15-Minute Cucumber Pickles

4 qt. cucumbers (sliced or chunked)
3 cups water
5 cups vinegar
5 cups sugar
1 onion, medium size, cut fine
1 tsp. cloves
1 tsp. allspice
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. black pepper

Mix the vinegar, sugar, water, salt and spices, put on the stove and let come to a boil before putting in the cucumbers and onion. The spices could be put in a thin cloth sack, being sure to leave room to swell.

While the vinegar is coming to a boil, slice or chunk the cucumbers, and cut the onion up fine. We prefer dill size, or rather large cucumbers as they stay crisp better. Just so they are not seedy. But any size cucumber can be used. Whatever size is used, however, they should be sliced or chunked.

When the vinegar comes to a boil, put the cucumbers and onion in and let come to a boil again and boil 5 minutes. Then can up like fruit in glass jars while hot. These will keep indefinitely like fruit and are very convenient to open up during the winter whenever pickles are wanted.

FOR BEET PICKLES use same mixture of vinegar, sugar, water, salt and spices as for cucumbers. Some prefer more cinnamon and less of the other spices. Boil beets first, peel and slice and pour the hot spiced, sweetened vinegar over them. Let come to a boil and can like hot fruit.

Busy Bees

One of our local farmers had a problem in clover seed production. For several years he had beautiful, tall, healthy-looking crops of clover but the yield of seed was not enough to even pay the cost of harvest. We made the suggestion that he buy several colonies of bees and set them up near his clover field. Last fall he more than doubled the seed yield of any of his neighbors.

Alsike, Medium Red and White Dutch clovers are practically self-sterile and depend on insect pollination for a good seed set. Sweet Clover, Mammoth Red Clover and Alfalfa don't depend as much on insect pollination but they need the work of the bees, too.

Not only that but vegetables like beans, cantaloupe, squash, cucumber and pumpkin, and fruits like apple, pear, plum and cherry depend on insects for pollination.

If someone in your neighborhood has bees for a hobby or for a business, give them free space to leave several stands of bees in your orchard or some out of the way place. It will be the best investment you ever made. Be good to the bees and they will be good to you.

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Smooth seeded peas are not adapted for the refrigerated locker while wrinkled seeded peas are.

Flowers for All Purposes

Do a lot of flower planting this year and plant for every purpose.

Short stems for cutting—Marigolds, snapdragons, calendulas, sweet peas, bachelor buttons, carnations, lilliput zinnias, pinks, salpiglossis.

For color masses—Petunia, zinnia, annual phlox, verbena, asters, salvia and poppies.

Long stems for cutting—Calliopsis, scabiosa, cosmos, giant zinnias and double gaillardias.

For borders—Sweet alyssum, dwarf nasturtiums, ageratum, dwarf marigold, and forget-me-nots.

For shady places—Pansies, forget-me-nots.

For sun—Sunflowers, rose moss, petunias, balsam and annual gaillardia.



Likes H. F. Seed Best

"Dear Mr. Field: Here is a picture of my little sister, Virginia Ann, age 15 mos. She is holding an ear of corn that father raised this summer. He has bought your seeds for years and would not buy any other."—Vera Curtis, Box 236, Castle Rock, Washington.

No More Cultivators

Please don't send in any more orders for cultivators. I'm all sold out. Expected to have plenty for all of you this year, but what with the strikes, the manufacturers can't ship them. If you want to send your order and wait for delivery, OK, but it looks like several months, and probably not for the spring season.

Appreciates Promptness

"Dear Mr. Field: I sure do enjoy getting your catalog and Seed Sense very much, and appreciate the prompt way you send orders when I order seed."—Carrie Stone, Clark Ridge, Arkansas.

Hog Farm Corner

Haven't been saying much about my Spotted Poland China hogs, and don't have a lot to offer. Will have after a bit and if you're in the market, just write me a line and I'll give you the details and when you can expect shipment.

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